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AFNORTH Students Run for Cancer Cure



Students from Ms. Robinson's fourth grade class proudly display a hand-made Terry Fox Run banner used at the kick-start of the AFNORTH International School Terry Fox Run. This marks the second year that AIS students have participated in the run in an effort to raise money for cancer research.

By LaDonna Davis

More than 350 elementary and high school students and their parents walked, ran, jogged and raced to raise money for cancer research during the AFNORTH International School Terry Fox Run Sept. 30.

This marks the second year that AIS has participated in the Canadian fundraising event which is named after British Columbia, Canadian native, Terry Fox, who died of cancer at the age of 22 in 1981.

To help educate the school about Terry Fox, students from Corry Robinson's fourth grade class and Kara Beaumont's third grade class used their creativity and artistic skills to write informational speeches, make donation boxes, create banners, and hang posters throughout the school. Some of the students even made a video about healthy eating and exercising and showed it during a school-wide assembly in preparation for the run.

"Terry Fox was a very special man, he ran about half way across Canada to raise money for cancer research," said nine-year-old Marina Gardner. "I've learned how amazing Terry Fox is and we're running to raise money for cancer research and to finish Terry Fox's run."

All the money raised in the yearly run will go to a Terry Fox International approved charity in the

Netherlands.

"What's so significant about the run is that it's an opportunity for children to be educated about doing something for others - doing something without reward for themselves," said Robinson. "They're getting out, they're participating, they're running and they're raising money and it's going to go to someone else."

For every lap each child runs around the school track, they are given donations from sponsors. So far, this year's run has raised more than 2,000 euros. Last year's run raised more than 4,000 Canadian dollars for cancer research, and while Robinson emphasizes student participation over raising money, she says that it would be nice to at least match the money that was raised last year.

"The money is definitely not the important part here, the donations are an added bonus, but the focus I put on the children is participation, participation, participation," says Robinson.

After being diagnosed with bone cancer at the age of 18, which forced him to have his right leg amputated, Fox decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He ran 42 km every day through Atlantic, Quebec and Ontario Canada. Fox called his journey the *Marathon of Hope*.

After 143 consecutive days and 5,374 km of running, Fox was forced to end his run when the primary cancer spread to his lungs. He died on June 28, 1981.

Today, individuals, families, schools, companies and groups from across Canada and 56 other countries get together every year to run non-competitively in an effort to raise money for cancer research in Terry's name. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run.

"(Cancer) is something that affects all of us one way or another, and that's something I try to put forth to the kids, that this could affect you; maybe not directly, but it could be your best - friends great grandmother and it's still affecting you in some way," says Beaumont. "Cancer is something that, if we could put an end to, it won't have to affect us anymore in life, and it's not just 'I'll find a cure to make people better now' it's to prevent it from happening to anyone they care about ever again."

"The message this run sends to students is that a difference can be made one person at a time," said Robinson. "No contribution of time, effort or money is ever too small. That was proven here today!"

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NEWS

“Phishers” luring USAREUR e-mail users

By USAREUR PAO

E-mail users beware; criminals are trolling around in your office or home computer trying to hook personal information.

Last month, according to the USAREUR Information Assurance and Computer Security Office, several U.S. Army, Europe Soldiers and employees received a baited e-mail message claiming a nonexistent “Defense Forum” account had expired and that personal information was needed immediately to keep the account active.

The message, which targeted computer professionals, included two disguised links to seemingly legitimate Web sites that would allegedly reestablish the lapsed account.

But the bait was fishy; the links connected to “.com” (business) and “.ca” (Canadian) Internet domain endings ? a common ploy that failed lure the USAREUR IT pros.

According to IASSURE, this was a typical “phishing” attack.

Phishing attacks ? which can be disguised as official e-mails, instant messages, pop-up advertisements or business-related phone calls ? attempt to trick victims into giving away sensitive information, such as credit card or Social Security numbers, personal identification numbers or passwords.

Phishers try to acquire the information by masquerading as a legitimate organization or business.

The fake Web sites may closely resemble a legitimate busi-

ness or organization’s pages, but in reality, the victim is visiting a Web site of the phisher’s choosing.

Once they reel in some personal or financial data, phishers can establish fraudulent bank accounts, obtain loans or conduct other business in the victim’s name.

While some phishers shotgun out fraudulent messages indiscriminately, hoping to snag victims using a particular bank or service, research has shown that they sometimes already know their target’s bank or interest and then send a disguised e-mail based on that information.

Soldiers and family members who use social networking sites frequently provide criminals with bait by publicly posting personal details about themselves.

If you receive a message that asks you for personal information, take a look for some of these clues:

- Misspelled Web addresses: changing a letter or two in a legitimate site’s address is one of the most common lures in the phishers’ tackle box.
- Web address with the “@” symbol in the URL.

Use of an incorrectly formatted, “old” or obsolete e-mail address.

Additionally, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission offers these tips to help you avoid getting hooked by a phishing scam:

If you receive an e-mail or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information: do not reply to the message; do not

click on any links contained in the message; do not cut and paste any Web addresses contained in the message into your Internet browser.

Legitimate companies will not ask for personal information via e-mail or over the phone. If you have questions about your account, close your browser and connect to the business by typing in its Web address.

- ◆ Use anti-virus software and a firewall and keep them up to date. Anti-virus programs can scan messages for embedded viruses and hidden scripts. Firewalls make it harder for your computer to be “seen” on the Web and also protect your computer from unauthorized intrusions.

- Never e-mail personal or financial information.
- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to check for unauthorized charges.

Be cautious about opening files included as attachments in e-mail messages. These files might carry viruses or executable programs or scripts that can bypass your computer’s security.

If you think a phisher is trolling for your personal information, contact your office’s information security officer. To learn more about phishing, visit the IASSURE site at <https://iassure.usareur.army.mil/>. To learn more about not becoming the “catch of the day,” visit the FTC’s Website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-internet.htm>.

Schinnen Notes

Exercise Your Right to Vote

By LaDonna Davis

Absentee Ballot Voting Week is Oct. 8-14, and to help American's get a jump start on exercising their 15th Amendment right, the U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Voting Assistance Officer, Ron Holland, will be available during the week at voting assistance table's set-up throughout the Schinnen community.

At the tables, voters will be able to fill out their absentee ballot forms, find out how to vote in their states elections, and get questions answered about voting overseas.

"Being overseas, I realize that there's a lot of last minute procrastination because people didn't inform their voting county elections office of a move by filling out a change of address card," said Holland. "Filling out a change of address card ensures that people get their election ballots mailed in time; so, I'm here to ensure that everyone exercises their voting rights by providing the proper information that each state requires to voters in time for their elections."

Though American citizens were given the right to vote more than 100 years ago, voter participation seems to dwindle more and more each year. In fact, more people voted this year for a winner on the hit television show,

"American Idol," than in the 2004 presidential elections. And, with mid-term elections coming up in November in most states, Holland says it's crucial for people to fill out their voting ballots now if



USAG Schinnen Voting Assistance Officer, Ron Holland, helps a teacher at AFNORTH International School fill out his voter registration card, Oct. 11, in conjunction with Absentee Ballot Voters Week.

they want their opinion to count.

"(Voting) is an opportunity for individuals to voice their opinion about some of the things going on in the world and some of their leaders," he says. "It can be really easy for people to just forget about elections or to let that absentee voting ballot go to the wayside while your overseas, but it's so important for American's to become informed about the candidates in their state and

fill out those ballots and mail it in because by doing that, they're affecting change and allowing their voices to be heard."

Though the second week in October is designated as Absentee Voters Week, Holland says that each state is different and there are always elections going on throughout the year for citizens to take part in. And, as the official Schinnen Voting Assistance Officer, he's available year-round to aid people in voting.

"As a voting assistance officer I'm always here to help assist individuals with any questions they may have about registering and those that need assistance with absentee ballots," he says. "But people can also go to the federal voting assistance website at <http://www.fvap.gov>, to find about elections going on in their state or county. The key thing is to make sure you get your election ballots in on time. And for those teens who have just turned 18 it's important to make sure they get registered to vote so they can be a part of the election process, and I can help with that too."

Look for the Voting Assistance Table at the, Schinnen Commissary, Oct. 12 from noon to 2:00 p.m.

SCHINNEN NOTES



By USAG Schinnen Fire Prevention and Protection division

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on Oct. 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow – belonging to Mrs. Catherine O’Leary – kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you’ve heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs O’Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn’t the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million

acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area ‘like a tornado’, some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration’s Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Each year the National Fire Prevention Association dedicates a particular theme for Fire Prevention Week, this year the theme is focused on preventing cooking fires. “*Prevent Cooking Fires – Watch What You Heat*”

More fires start in the

kitchen than in any other part of the home. Why is the kitchen such a danger zone? Too often people fail to pay attention to what’s cooking, and the consequences can be far worse than burned food. Like any home fire, cooking fires spread quickly, leaving you just minutes to escape safely.

Frequently these fires occur due to distractions. The phone rings, you answer it, and the conversation lasts longer than it seems, watching TV or working on the computer and losing sight of what is going on in the kitchen. These are a few examples of distractions that can have serious consequences if something is cooking on the stove.

It has also been found that alcohol consumption has repeatedly had fatal consequences in relation to cooking fires. For example; an individual has been to a bar or social event and had a few drinks. The person returns home and feeling hungry puts something on the stove to heat up. In the meantime the individual sits down in a comfortable living room chair to watch some TV and subsequently falls asleep, NEVER to wake again. The spread of smoke from a small fire in the kitchen was fatal. **Do not leave cooking unattended.**

Legal

A Brush with the (Dutch) Law

By The NELC

In many ways, both the Dutch and the American criminal investigative processes mirror one another. For example, a suspect has the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney in both systems. However, these rights and others may be triggered at different points during a Dutch investigation than during an American one. Although similar, a Dutch *police investigation* differs enough to warrant a brief discussion of the process itself.

Under the provisions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Status of Forces Agreement (SoFA), as interpreted by the Dutch, Dutch authorities have primary jurisdiction for investigations into most crimes committed by U.S. Soldiers in the Netherlands. As a result, if a Soldier (or a Department of Defense ID card holder) gets into trouble with the Dutch authorities, he may end up in a foreign, unfamiliar and unsettling situation. This article sheds light on the Dutch *investigative process* so that if a Soldier does find himself in *police custody*, he will have a basic understanding of how the system works.

Investigations involving U.S. forces members are primarily conducted by the Dutch military police (KMAR). The KMAR may allow *U.S. military investigators*, such as CID, to participate, but they do not have to. Any and all U.S. Army involvement rests at the discretion of the Dutch authorities. If a Soldier under Dutch *police investigation* does not see or speak to an Army NCO or Officer during the investigative

process, it is not because the command has forgotten about him; rather, it is because the Dutch *police* have restricted access to the Soldier.

Under Dutch law, a Dutch *criminal investigator* can keep a suspect of a crime in custody for up to six hours to interview him. The time between 0000 and 0900 does not count against the six hours. The suspect does not have the right to an attorney during this initial interview. The suspect does have the right to remain silent and not cooperate in the investigation. If further investigation is required, the Dutch *prosecutor* can order the suspect into investigative custody at the police station. At this point, however, the *prosecutor* will appoint an on-call, Dutch *defense attorney* to the suspect (akin to the public defender in the American system). The *prosecutor* may appoint a translator if communication becomes a problem between the suspect and his attorney.

It is important to note that investigative custody can last up to three days. So, if a suspect is apprehended by the KMAR at midnight on Friday, he may be held in investigative custody until Tuesday at 1500. At the end of the three days, though, the suspect will be brought before an *investigative judge* to determine whether custody should be extended. This period could be an additional 10 to 90 days depending on the severity of the crime and the evidence against the suspect. Ultimately, the investigative process can lead to trial in a Dutch court.

military authorities are not automatically involved in the investigation and unfortunately, Judge Advocates are not authorized to practice in the Dutch legal system. That is why a Soldier may not demand an American attorney, let alone an Army JA attorney. Rest assured, however, that the team at the Netherlands Law Center (NeLC), in close conjunction with the Soldier's command, will work fervently to get *U.S. military investigators* involved as soon as is possible in the particular case. Understand also that the folks at the NeLC will work fervently to have jurisdiction released as soon as is possible in accordance with the NATO SoFA through the proper Dutch channels.

Undoubtedly, the best course of action is to stay out of trouble and to avoid the criminal investigative process altogether. Unfortunately, mistakes sometimes do happen. When *police investigators* apprehend a Soldier, the Soldier should be polite and professional. Proper and mature conduct costs nothing and only reflects positively on the Soldier and with the *police investigators*.

The purpose of this basic information is to help our Soldiers and their family members understand what is happening to them if apprehended by the Dutch police by alerting them to the different rights afforded under the Dutch system. Please contact the friendly folks at the NeLC at DSN 364-6204 if you have additional questions.

Remember, American

Legal

Prevention of Yet Another Internet Scam

By The NELC

These days, surfing the information highway we call the Internet, has become almost second nature to many of us. We can access instant news, weather or bank information in nanoseconds. I can sadly watch my former-World Champion Chicago White Sox's slowly, inexorably fade away down the final stretch—on my home computer of course!!

The Netherlands Law Center has produced notes and articles in the recent past concerning various illicit scams that have proliferated in conjunction with Internet access and technology. Sometimes it is too easy to believe that one is completely safe in one's home searching the Internet. However, our reality is that each time a scam is discovered and stopped in its tracks there are additional ones created to "worm" their way in to your computer operating system. These illegal and illicit scams have a great potential to make a mess of your computer's digital performance and your actual personal life.

The latest scam to be

identified and rectified is one involving those Internet users who access the World-Wide Web using a dial-up connection instead of a broadband cable or ADSL link. Dial-up users still constitute one-third of all Internet users even though dial-up is now the Internet-world functional equivalent to the Model T of the automotive-world. Somehow, these anti-social, maladjusted scammers have identified a way to once again have Internet denizens unsuspectingly and unwittingly open their wallets.

The scam involves an illegal program that self-installs onto one's computer operating system and dials, without one's knowledge [of course], a different ISP connection access number. The illicit ISP telephone number is significantly more expensive to access than the ISP one expected to dial. A few weeks later, the unsuspecting Internet-denizen/telephone customer receives an unexpected jolt when they discover via their phone bill that they have been continuously connected to Bangladesh, Nigeria or some other foreign country.

Fear not navigators of the World-Wide Web because the Dutch Department of Commerce officials have recently determined that the ultimate responsibility for these potentially outrageous telephone bills lies with the phone company and not with the unsuspecting telephone consumer. This bit of positive news means that an unfortunate, scammed Internet denizen who receives an unwarranted phone bill caused by a Trojan-worm "auto-dialer" will no longer have the burden of proving the continuously-running phone call is their responsibility. If you believe that you are a victim of this particular phone scam, your recourse is to file a complaint with your phone company and defer payment of the phone bill. If it is shown that the expensive bill was caused by the auto-dialer, and not by you calling Aunt Martha in Albuquerque, then you will not be held financially responsible for the bill.

Please contact the friendly folks at the Netherlands Law Center if you have other legal questions at DSN 364-6204 or local (0031) 45-563-6204.

LEISURE

Leisure Activities ~ by Rita Hoefnagels

Through Oct. 11: Large *Fall Carnival/Fair* at Vrijthof in the center of Maastricht (NL). Open: Friday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m.-1 a.m.; other days, 1 p.m.-midnights.

Oct. 12-15: *Jazz Maastricht*. A large jazz festival taking place in theaters and pubs in down town Maastricht (NL). Information: www.jazzmaastricht.com.

Oct. 13-15: *Fall Fair* at Open Air Museum in Ootmarsum (NL). At this unique fair one will find stands with regional delicacies and all kind of country items among the historic buildings of the Open Air Museum. Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Entry: €.

Oct. 20-22: A large *Pasar Malam* (Oriental Market) at the Groenordhallen in Leiden (NL). At this fair one can get acquainted with the Indonesian culture. Program includes song, dance and lots of Indonesian food. Open: Oct. 20, 4-10 p.m.; Oct. 21, 1-

10:30 p.m.; Oct. 22, noon-9 p.m. Entry: €; children (11 and younger) free entrance.

Oct. 21: *PC Fair* at RAI in Amsterdam (NL) with old and new items. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Entry: €. Information: www.pcdumpdag.nl.

Oct. 21-22: Indoor *Flea Market* also at Groenordhallen in Leiden (NL). Open both days, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children €1.50.

World Darts Event at MECC in Maastricht (NL). The top darts players of the world will participate in this huge event. Also included are a *Dart Fair* and *Indoor Market* with food, drinks and amusement. Entry: €7.50. Information: www.worlddartsevent.nl.

Oct. 28-29: Indoor *Flea Market* at Groenordhallen in Leiden (NL). Open both days, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Entry: €3.50; children €1.50.

FIFE World Winner Cat Show at MECC in Maastricht (NL). Who says only dogs can master games of skill? If you believe that then this show will prove you wrong. Open both days 09:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry: €2.50; Children €.

Oct. 29: *Antique Market* in the center of Valkenburg (NL), located across the VVV (Tourist) Office.

Through Nov. 19: *The Secret of the Celts* at Museum on Keulsepoort in Venlo (NL). The environment of the Celts in prehistory and the echo of their culture in today's world are themes of this large exhibition. Open: Tuesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Entry: €5.50; children €3.50.

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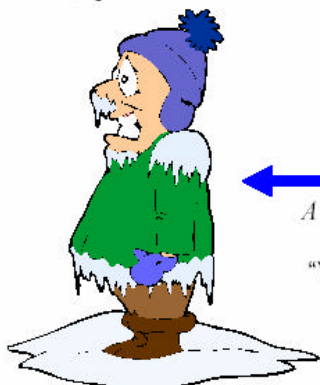
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- Blankets or Sleeping Bag** – For each occupant of the vehicle.
- Flashlight or signal light** – Include extra batteries
- Facial or Toilet Tissue**
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- Snow chains and a Tow Rope**
- Basic Repair tools and a shovel**
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- Axe** – Can be used to cut tree branches to put under tires for traction.
- Signal Flares** – Have instructions available and know how to use them safely
- Cell Phone/Emergency Phone numbers** – Make sure it's fully charged before you leave on your trip and know the emergency numbers for the country you're traveling in.



And finally, before you abandon your vehicle to seek help, remember that your best chance may be to stay in your car. At temperatures below zero degrees, you can suffer from hypothermia or frostbite in minutes. Many people have died seeking help and being exposed to the elements too long.



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The poster features a blue sky with clouds and a full moon. A cartoon ghost is on the left. A red car with a witch on top is at the bottom right. A jack-o'-lantern is at the bottom left. The text is in various fonts and colors, including orange and white.

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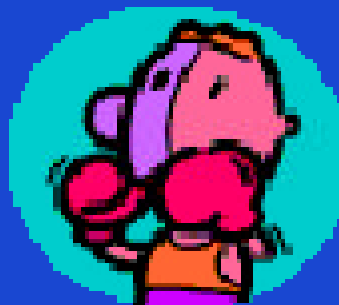


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Youth Boxing

Is your child looking for a fun fitness activity? Well consider the new youth fitness boxing program at the JFC Brunssum Fitness Center. This program is tailored for 10 to 15-year-old children and it will teach them the basics of boxing while keeping the emphasis on fitness and fun rather than competition. Registration is underway now through Nov. 2. Classes will begin Nov. 3. For more information, contact Youth Services.



Foggy Fields Bazaar



The Annual Foggy Fields Bazaar will be held in Hangar 4 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, on Friday, Nov. 17 from 9:00-6:00, Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10:00-5:00, and Sunday, Nov. 19 from 10:00-4:00. The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their guests.

Vendors from around the world will be selling fabulous items such as Polish pottery, Turkish carpets, clocks, antiques, jewelry, tapestries, and much more. Many of your old favorites as well as many new vendors will be attending.

The bazaar is hosted by the American Women of Geilenkirchen and all profits support programs in the military community. We hope to see you there!